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## Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

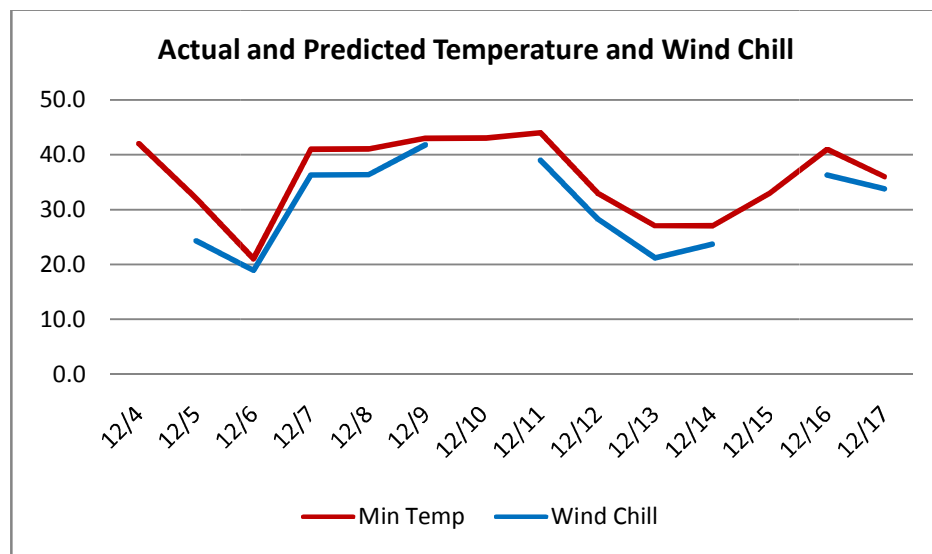
**December 11, 2012**

**Reporting for December 4, 2012 through December 11, 2012**

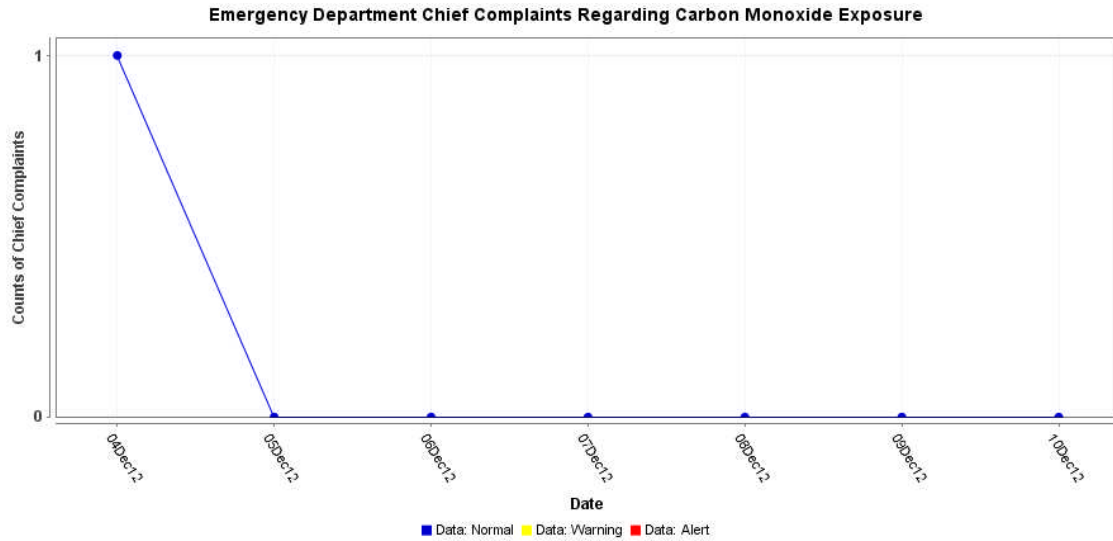
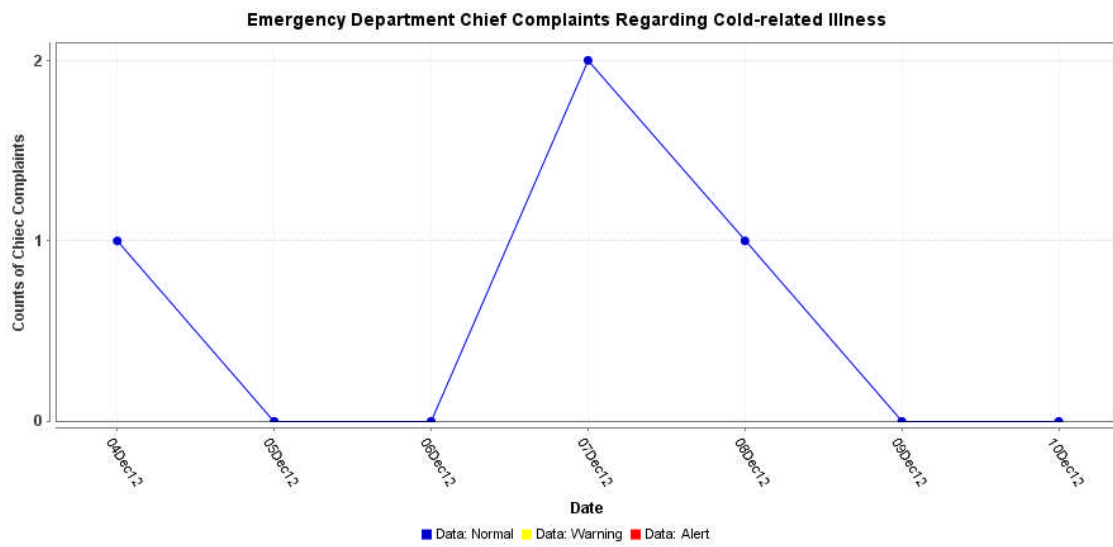
**National Weather Service Forecast:** No cold-related warnings or alerts

**Wind Chill Advisories Declared This Week: 0**

**Total Wind Chill Advisories Declared: 0**



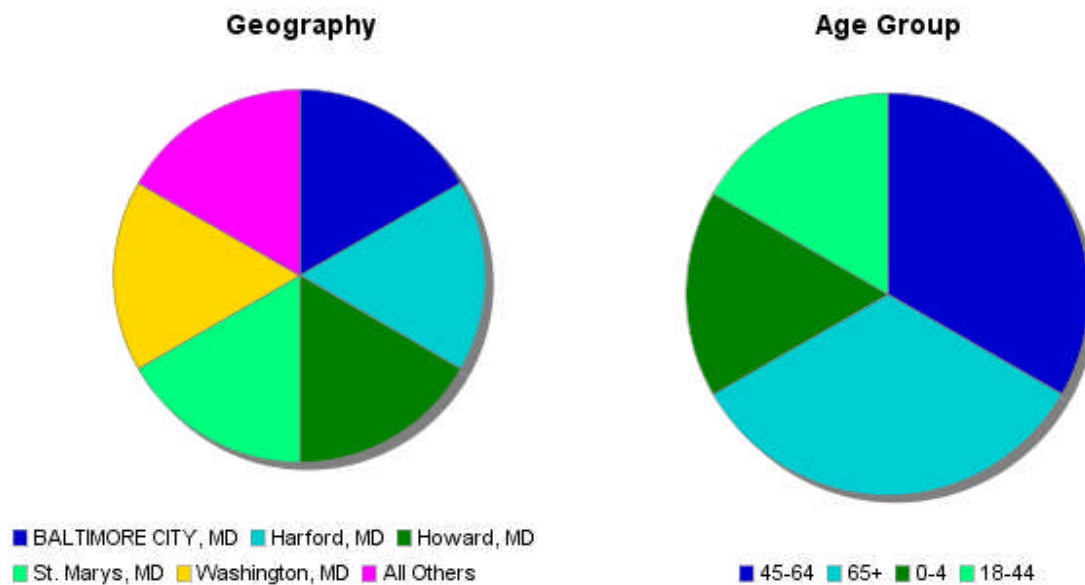
*Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph*



Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
December 4	1	1
December 5	0	0
December 6	0	0
December 7	2	0
December 8	1	0
December 9	0	0
December 10	0	0

There were no chief complaint clusters identified during the week.

### Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for December 4 through December 10, 2012



There are no reported hypothermia deaths so far this winter.

**Wind Chill Advisory/Warning Criteria:** The National Weather Service issues a Wind Chill Advisory for projected wind chill factors of -5°F to -20°F, and a Wind Chill Warning when the projected wind chill is for -20° or less.<sup>1</sup>

**Note:** The cold report will be released on Tuesdays, with the reporting period being the previous Tuesday through Monday.

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<sup>1</sup> NWS Wind Chill Factor Chart: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/windchill/>